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1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE ON NEW REVISIONS IN SPC VERIFICATION PAPER.

2. NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS (PARA 5 OF TEXT). PER PARA 1, REF D, WE WOULD HOPE YOU CAN BUILD UPON UK SUPPORT IN FAVOR OF US LANGUAGE QUOTE BE INTERESTED IN UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, WE CAN ACCEPT QUOTE MAY WISH TO SHARE INFORMATION UNQUOTE IF FRG REMAINS ADAMANT ON GROUNDS THAT SUCH WORDING DOES NOT RPT NOT COMMIT USG TO POSITIVE ACTION.

3. VERIFICATION OF STABILIZING MEASURES. WE HOPE YOU CAN DISSUADE BELGIANS AND OTHERS FROM CONTINUING TO PRESS THIS IDEA. TO WEIGH DOWN NEGOTIABILITY OF STABILIZING MEASURES WITH ADDITIONAL VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS SEEMS TO US AN UNPROMISING APPROACH. ASIDE FROM NEGOTIABILITY, THE MAGNITUDE OF THE INSPECTION APPARATUS WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO INSURE IDENTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOUR STABILIZING MEASURES PROPOSED IN PARA 23 OF THE ALLIED

APPROACH PAPER AS NOW DRAFTED SEEMS TO US TO BE NEITHER PRACTICAL NOR FEASIBLE. OBVIOUSLY, MOBILE OR STATIC INSPECTION TEAMS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN DETECTING VIOLATIONS OF SOME TERMS OF THE STABILIZING MEASURES, AND MOBILE TEAMS AT LEAST COULD PROBABLY DETECT GROSS VIOLATIONS,BUT WE FEEL

THEIR FIRST MISSION SHOULD BE THE CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF POST-REDUCTION FORCE LEVELS.

4. MEASURES OUTSIDE THE NGA (PARA 9, REF TEL A) HOPE TURK AND GREEKS CAN BE BROUGHT TO SEE THAT THIS IS REALLY NON-STARTER WITH UNACCEPTABLE RECIPROCAL IMPLICATIONS.

5. LIAISON OFFICERS. WE LIKE YOUR SUGGESTION THAT ALLIES LEAVE IT UP TO SOVIETS TO PROPOSE LIAISON OFFICERS. SUCH A SOVIET PROPOSAL, WOULD, AS YOU SAY, GIVE ALLIES OPPORTUNITY TO PROPOSE OPERATING CONDITIONS FOR THE LIAISON OFFICERS TO THEIR LIKING.

6. MOBILE TEAMS VS. STATIC POSTS. WE WOULD NOT ARGUE
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WITH UK JUDGMENT THAT MOBILE TEAMS SUPPLEMENTED BY STATIC POSTS AT KEY JUNCTIONS WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN MOBILE TEAMS ALONE (ALTHOUGH THE AMOUNT OF MANPOWER AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIRED MIGHT CAUSE SOME COUNTRIES TO LOSE THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS COMBINATION).

7. OUR PREFERENCE FOR PUTTING FORWARD MOBILE TEAMS AND USING STATIC POSTS AS FALLBACK IS BASED ON TACTICAL GROUNDS.

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GIVEN CHOICE BETWEEN TEAMS ROAMING ABOUT THE COUNTRYSIDE AS COMPARED TO INSPECTION TEAMS ANCHORED IN SELECTED CITIES AND TRANSPORTATION HUBS, WE BELIEVE EAST MIGHT ALL TOO EASILY ACCEPT THE STATIC POSTS AND ADVERTISE THAT ACCEPTANCE AS A VERY MAJOR CONCESSION TO THE LONG-STANDING WESTERN INSISTENCE ON ON-SITE INSPECTION. WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD CENTER OUR EFFORT ON MOBILE TEAMS TO AVOID THAT POSSIBILITY. IF WE CAN REACH AGREEMENT UPON THEM, THEN WE CAN INTRODUCE IDEA OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF STATIC POSTS WITH WHICH TO SUPPLEMENT THE MOBILE TEAMS. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, MOBILE TEAMS PROVE NON-NEGOTIABLE, STATIC POSTS WOULD BE OUR FALLBACK.

8. OTHER UNBRACKETED UK CHANGES. WE CAN ACCEPT THE UK CHANGES AND ADDITIONS ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THAT NEW SENTENCE INTRODUCED INTO PARA 33 OF REF C IS HIGHLY SPECULATIVE AND DETRACTS FROM OTHER IMPORTANT POINTS MADE IN PARAGRAPH. SUGGEST YOU REQUEST ITS DELETION.

9. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTION POSED PARA 23, REFTEL E, AND FURTHER COMMENTS REFTEL G, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF AHG COULD PRESENT BASIC CONCEPTS OF ALLIED POSITION ON VERIFICATION BEFORE EASTER RECESS. WE BELIEVE THAT DELAY IN PRESENTING ALLIANCE VIEWS ON NEGOTIATED INSPECTION AT LEAST IN BROAD BRUSH TREATMENT LONG AFTER STABILIZING MEASURES HAD BEEN INTRODUCED AND PERHAPS DISCUSSED IN

PLENARY WOULD CAST DOUBT ON OUR SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE IN OBTAINING EFFECTIVE VERIFICAION. WE WOULD HOPE THAT NATO COULD REACH AGREEMENT ON VERIFICATION PAPER IN GOOD TIME FOR AHG TO DRAW UPON IT FOR USE BEFORE EASTER. KISSINGER

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